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Support of Islam

The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says : Listen to it attentively as to what is the ultimate object of my advent. The object of my advent is the revival and support of Islam. You should not think that I have been sent to teach a new Religious Law (Shariat) or that I should issue new commandments or that a new book will be revealed. Nothing of that sort. If any one thinks in this vein I take him to be grossly misled and irreligious. The Shariat and Prophethood has been perfected with the advent of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him. No new Shariat can now be ushered. The Holy Quran is the seal of the books (the best book). Not a dot or dash can be changed in it, of course, it is true that the blessings of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, and the good results of the teachings and guidance of the Holy Quran have not come to an end. They are always there, in all the times, and altogether fresh and it is to prove the existence of these blessings that I have been raised. The circumstances through which Islam is now passing is no secret to any one. It is agreed by all that Muslims are now struck by every kind of weakness and degradation. They are toppling down in all the aspects of life. Their tongues are with Islam, while their hearts are not. Islam has become orphan. It is indeed in these circumstances that I have been sent to help it and He has sent me according to His Promise, for, He had said : انا نحن نزلنا الذكر و انا له لحافظون

If Islam was not to be helped in these circumstances, at what other time it was to be helped?

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Where do Hypocrites Stand ?

In his Friday Sermon, on the 4th of February 1972, Hazrat-Khalifatul Masih remarked that it was the duty of every Ahmadi to try to bring his talents to perfection. Talents include the physical, mental and spiritual capabilities. This, he said, needed the utmost effort for living a life full of hard work.

Huzur said, "The beautiful teaching that God has given us in connection with strenuous living is that the talents that God has granted us can be brought to perfection only through untiring efforts and utmost struggle. We should therefore put in untiring efforts and strive hard for the achievement of this perfection.

If we ponder over the Holy Quran, we find out that as a matter of principle there are four types of talents that we have been granted. They are : 1) physical, 2) Mental, 3) Moral, 4) Spiritual. Islam teaches us that we should try all we can to bring these talents to perfection and we should strive hard for it. We are not permitted to ignore any of these talents ; all the four must be looked after. In fact we have to do all this in accordance with (the Hadith of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him) Wa li-Nafsika a'laika haqqun (i. e. Your self has also a right over you). The Holy Prophet has instructed us that if knowledge was to be acquired from China, we should go there, which in other words means that we should, if necessary bear all sorts of hardship for the perfection of mental talents.

The Holy Prophet has laid great stress on morals. He says that you should be careful lest what you eat has a bad effect on your morals. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, has greatly dilated on this subject. He says that whatever has been forbidden to eat, would, if eaten, have degenerating effect on the morals. He also says that the flesh of swine is forbidden for the simple reason that it produces unwholsome effect on the physique and morals of men."

Speaking about the morals, Huzur said, "The powers that can be termed as morals are really the powers of nature which are innate in human beings and are called morals when they are utilised in the right way. For example, it is quite natural that we should dislike what is bad and it should arouse anger in us. Thus anger is a natural talent and it is to be found, in small or great degree, in every person (except in him who is paralysed). But man has not been granted power only to hate and feel angry, he has also been given the power to use this talent rightly and this is what we call morals. Creatures other than human beings do not have this power for they do not stand in need of it. As for instance, the Angels ; they have not been given this power because their circle of action is such that they mould themselves a little to the requirements of the time or the circumstances and they do not need anything more than that. Or take the case of fear i. e. to be afraid of some thing. This also is the nature of man and can therefore be said to be one of his "powers". We have been granted moral force in order to use the "fear" in the right way. He who fears, we dislike him (in the

sense that Islam teaches us to show moral displeasure). On the other hand another person displays fear and we like him, rather he becomes our beloved. He who fears (shuns) the satan and who fears (or dislikes) to worship the idols (in varions forms of worldly desires) he is indeed an intelligent person and the one who has great insight and is a Muslim with high morals. He is the one whose talents have been properly developed. He hates the satan and therefore fears him. Of course, Islam does not teach us to fear human beings. It is their evil deeds that we hate."

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Further he said, "The same fear appearing in another from i. e. the fear of God (fear that one may not do anything against the will of God which may displease Him). We fear God and that means we fear lest we are deprived of His Bounties and Grace, and we fear that we may not get His love. He who fears these things becomes our beloved. And the greatest fear of this kind was shown by our beloved Mohammad, the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him. It was due to this extreme fear that he was able to attain to the perfect love of God. On the other hand, Abu-Jahl was also full of fear but his fear was based on the fact that he did not like to lose his leadership or chieftaincy. He was afraid lest by siding with the truth and talking against the idols, his supermacy over others might be jeopardised. But this fear of his deserved hatred from others. Thus the talents that God has granted us, if used in the right manner, become our moral powers and with them we attract the pleasure of God.

"Next comes the spiritual powers through which we attain to the love of God and instead of being limited by this worldly life we become heirs to the eternal life."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih exhorted the members of the Jamaat that they—men and women—should strive all they could to improve their moral powers and to develop their talents, and for that they should work hard. He further remarked that they should try to attain to the nearness of God as much as capability of doing so has been granted to them so that they could inherit the bounties of the next world as well as the good things of this world.

In the end he prayed to God that all of us may receive the blessings of God be upon him, as did his companions.

On the 10th of Amaan/March 1351/1972, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in his Friday Sermon alerted the Jamaat against the secret activities of the hypocrites. He dilated on the Verse of the Holy Quran

ان المنافقين فی الدرک الاسفل من النار

and said that hypocrisy was a much greater offence than disbelief, and that is why the Holy Quran says that the hypocrites will be in the lowest (worst) part of the hell. He replied to some of the charges of the hypocrites which they generally level against the Jamaat, the people of Rabwah and the institution of Khilafat. He said, "There is nothing new about it. This type of people have always uttered the same kind of things. But as the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, has said they always tell lies. There is never any iota of truth in their charges. And they can never achieve their objective nor can they ever succeed in the nefarious designs. They are bound to fail today as they have always failed in the past."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih told the members of the Jamaat to be on their guard, for, as he said, the hypocrites

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THE INSTITUTION OF KHILAFAT

The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says :

"The Mystics (sufis) have written that he who is to be the Khalifa after any of the Sheikhs, Messengers or Prophets, it is he whose heart is turned by God to the straightpath, before every body else. When any of the Messengers or Mashaa-ikhs dies it is as if the earth is shaken with an earthquake ; that time is really a time full of dangers. But God saves the situation by appointing some one as a Khalifa and once again he grants stability to the community and puts it right.

Why did the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, not appoint someone to be Khalifa after him. The secret of this matter lies in the fact that he knew it quite well that God himself would appoint a Khalifa, for, this is nobody's but God's work and there can be no defect in the choice of God. And of-course, God did Appoint Hazrat Abu Bakr, the truthful, may God be pleased with him."

The Promised Messiah peace be on him, also says : "In one of the revelations, God has called me by the name of Sheikh

انت الشيخ المسيح الذى لايضاع وقته

You are the Sheikh Messiah whose time will not be wasted.

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The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says in his book Shahadatul Quran : "Khalifa is a successor and the real and true successor of a Messenger can be only he who reflects in himself the perfection of the Messenger. That is why the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, did not like that the cruel kings should also be termed as Khalifas. The Khalifa, in fact, is a prototype of the Messenger and since nobody is ever-living God willed it that the person of the Prophets who are the best of creation should be made to live in a reflective manner till the doomsday : That is why God has willed the institution of Khilafat to be there so that the world is never deprived of the blessing of Messengership.

In his booklet "Al-Wasiyyat" the Promised Messiah, peace be on him says : "Secondly, when the *hardships* have to be confronted after the demise of the Prophet and the enemy seems to have gained strength and they (the enemies) think that whole edifice will now topple down, and they are in themselves sure that the Community will now soon come to an end and members of the community also begin to waver and as if their backs are broken and some of them are so unfortunate that they start thinking of apostacy, then, for the second time God the Almighty manifests His Power once again and thus He helps the community to stand on its feet once again. He who exercises patience till the end, it is he who witnesses this miracle of God as took place in the times of Hazrat Abu Bakr the truthful, may God be pleased with him.

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Again in Al Wasiyyat he says : "My dear ones since this is the practice of God since times immemorial, that God shows His two manifestations, so that the false pleasures of the opponents may come to naught, it is not possible that God may abandon this practice of His. You, therefore, should not be grieved by what I have told you and

your mind should not be troubled, for, it is imperative that you witness the second Manifestation also.

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The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says, "This is the practice of God and since the times that He created mankind on this planet He has been manifesting this practice that He helps His Prophets and Messengers and grants them victory .....The truthfulness that they wish to spread in the world, He makes, the seed of it to sow in their own life time-but it does not gain its full growth at their hands, rather He makes them pass away at a time when it is apprehended that their mission might fail and gives an opportunity to the opponents to mock at them. And when they (the opponents) have mocked at them, He shows another manifestation of His and He provides such means as bring the seemingly unfulfilled Mission to its completion and perfection. In short He shows two manifestations : (i) First at the hand of the Prophets themselves (ii) Second, at a time when the community has to confront with difficulties after the passing away of the Prophet, and they (the opponents) gain strength and think that the Mission of the Prophet has failed.....

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"Alwassiyyat"

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I, once said : "He (i. e. God) and not any one of you has made me wear this garment. I honour it and I consider it my duty to respect it."

The Khalifatul Masih I, says, "If someone says that the Anjuman has appointed me as Khalifa, He is telling a lie. This kind of ideas can carry one to destruction. You should eschew them. Listen, once again, I have not been appointed Khalifa by any Anjuman nor do I think any Anjuman is capable of doing so. I have not been appointed Khalifa by any Anjuman nor do I have any regard for such an appointment and I do not even spit over leaving this kind of appointment. There is no one who can snatch from me this garment of Khilafat.

Badr : July 4, 1912.

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Notes & Comments

'Christianity is Losing Ground' : Bishop Browne

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The Episcopal Church of Liberia is considering an indigenous and practical approach to its evangelistic work in rural areas where Bishop George D. Browne believes Christianity is losing ground

He revealed this in his annual address to the 49th General Convocation of the Missionary Diocese of Liberia which ended last Sunday at the St. Thomas Church on Camp Johnson Road, Monrovia.

The Bishop said the Church is so pre-occupied with its own programmes and petty jealousies that it is not aware that "Christianity is losing ground to the Moslems and Animists in the rural areas and to the Agnostic and Charismatic movement in the industrial and urban areas."

Noting that superstition and the fear of it among the people is a sensitive issue and that broken homes and the lack of pastoral care is rampant, the Bishop said that if the Church's work must be viable, then new ways must be sought to obey God's call to make disciples of men—ways that are different from the traditional institutions.

"I will therefore be asking for your endorsement of an aggressive programme of Rural Evangelism and a plan to ordain men who may not have the educational standards for the city, but given sufficient training, they may be suitable to administer effectively in their own areas," he asserted.

He said he was aware of the imminent danger of creating multiple standards in the ordained ministry of the Church if the plan is approved, "but I am convinced that it is the only solution to our evangelistic work at this point."

Stating that such non-stipendiary ministry will not exclude the training of men of higher calibre, Bishop Browne said the time has come when "an indigenous and practical approach must bt adopted to the Liberian Church."

(Liberian Star, 16-2-1972)

Hyopcrisy Condemned

On the 13th of Amaan-March a meeting was held at the Masjid Mubarak Rabwah after the Asr Prayer under the Chairmanship of Mirza Abdul-Haq, Advocate, Sargodha. It was addressed by Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Maulvi Dost Mohammad and Maulvi Abdul Malik Khan. The topics on which they addressed the audience were respectively : 1) The Khalifas are appointed by God 2) The progress that the Jamaat has made since the Khalifatul Masih III has assumed this august office, 3) The false accusations of the hypocrites and answers to them in the words of the Khalifas.

Three resolutions condemning hypocrisy and pledging loyalty to the Khalifa were moved and adopted unanimously. The movers of these resolutions were :

Maulana N.A.Mubashir, Ex-Missionary Incharge Ghana, Naseem Saifi, Ex Chief Ahmadiyya Missionary, West Africa, and Prof. Dr. Naseer Ahmad Khan of the T. I. College. Brief remarks from the Chairman and a Collective Prayer brought the meeting to a close.

Your Health

On the first of March Hazrat Khalifatul Masih adressed the students of the T. I. College, on the occasion

of their Annual Sports, and told them that he wanted to see them healthy and strong and an example of good morals. He further remarked that he was anxious to see that they served the country in a better way. Also, he said that if they wanted to see Islam dominant in the world it was vitally important that they should keep themselves in good health. Good health, he further said, always had a good influence on the morals and good morals were the hall mark of a Muslim Youth.

During this speech he also announced the formation of a health organisation to be known as "Majlis-i-Sihhat" which will be responsible to make all the necessary arrangements for the exercise of all the citizens of Rabwah. This very Majlis will be responsible to arrange the tournaments for various games.

In the Central Java

Mr. Q. U. Hafiz writes from Jog Jakarta, Indonesia that JogJakarta is an important town in the central Java and it can be said that it is the centre of education and culture in the whole of Indonesia. There are a lot of students here and that makes the life here more colourful. Our community is spread all over Indonesia and there are no less then sixty branches with Jakarta as the local headquarter. Most of these sixty branches are to be found in the westren part of Java. At JogJakarta the number of the members is not large but they are very active. During the month of Ramazan they made full use of the opportunity and engaged themselves in Nawafil and Darsul Quran. One of them performed Itikaf. Women also did not lag behind.

Mr. Q. U. Hafiz adds that their joy on the occasion of Idul Fiter was enhanced by the fact that an Arab who is a learned person and a lecturer in the faculty of literature in a famous religious institution, signed the Baiat form and joined the community. He had been studying various aspects of Ahmadiyyat for quite some time. He also went through the books of the Promised Messiah written in Arabic. For the past one year he had been attending our functions and had even addressed our meetings. He is Mr. Ali Abu Bakr Salama.

Mr. Hafiz also reports that a new branch of the Jamaat has been inaugurated at "Tawang Mango" sixty miles to the east of Jog-Jakarta.

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always pose to be reformers. He assured the Jamaat that he had recieved word from God that he will always have His help. Talking about Khilafat he remarked that it is God who appoints Khalifa and it really meant an appointment by God not that the people elect a person and then God says that all right, if you have elected him, I also agree with you. Hazrat said, that it was God who turned the minds of the people before the election is conducted. In other words God wishes to make a porticular person Khalifa and then the people are made by Him to vote for him.

In his Friday sermon delivered on the 24th of Amaan/March Huzur mentioned yet another type of hypocrites. He said that those who traded with their dreams and visions and thus made themselves into a Gaddi (Stool) holder were also hypocrites. He warned the Jamaat to keep an eye on such people also. He opined that a real wali who had relations with God did in ho case stand in need of the help of the people to buy clothes or othe requirements for them. He said, he knew that some people were going that way, and that way must be blocked to save the Jamaat from falling in this pit of human humiliation

From the Newspapers

Sir Dawda Lauds Unity

The President, Sir Dawda Jawara, has praised the "great sense of unity demonstrated throughout the country." Speaking at meetings in the Jarra and Kiang Districts in the Provinces last week, Sir Dawda also spoke of the people's hard work and their determination to make the independence of the country an outstanding success.

The President noted that now that all doubts about The Gambia's ability to survive as an independent nation have been removed, the goal, he said, which every Gambian should set himself is economic independence. He urged continued determination and even harder work to achieve desirable end

Comparing colonial and postcolonial days, he said the latter days were manifestly the best since government was entrusted in the hands of the people's duly elected representatives, representativea who were of the same kith and kin as those they represented, who knew their problems and aspirations.

Pointing out that the people of this country had the right to choose who would represent them periodically—in our case every five years—he urged his audience to return once again to power the Government he leads so that the task of national reconstruction already begun could be successfully accomplished.

The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Mines, Alhadji Yaya Ceesay, also called on everyone to ensure the return of the government, stressing that the results of the elections would not only determine the composition of the national legislature, but would show who the Head of State of The Gambia would be.

Spokesmen of the audience assured the Presidential party of their, unfailing support for the government.

Sir Dawda and his party, who left Bathurst on Wednesday, are on a fortnight's tour of the Provinces.

When he was at Tendaba, the President was presented with a copy of the Holy Koran by the Ahmadiyya medical missionary, Dr. Tahir Ahmad.

Gambia News Bulletin, 8-2-72.

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Daily Mail Monday February 14, 1972

Relationship with God and man

The Amir and missionary-in-charge of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Sierra-Leone, Maulvi M. S. Sahid has said in Bo that the two important aspects of Islam were man's relationship with God and his relationship with his fellow man which were infinite in character.

Maulvi Shahid affirmed that just as our relationship with God and our aspiration for spiritual devotion had no bounds, man's love and service to his fellow human beings must be unlimited.

He was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 23rd Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Movement in SierraLeone on Frjday.

The Amir reviewed the work done by the Ahmadiyya Movement in the spiritual, medical and educational fields during the past year and outlined the Mission's programme of work for the coming year.

He called on members of the Movement to contribute generously to the Mission's fund so as to help build more Mosques, schools and health centers in the country.

Maulvi Shahid offered special prayers for peace and prosperity in the nation

and unity and solidarity in the entire Muslim world.

In his annual report the General Secretary of the Movement, Alhaji M.K. Bongay commanded the Sierra-Leone Jamaat for the generous contribution they were making.

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The Liberian Star, 18-2-1972.

Bishop Decries Loss of Church Members

The Right Reverend S. Trowen Nagbe, Sr., Bishop of the United Methodist Church in Liberia, has decried the loss of membership in the church and said this is due largely to the "plain truth that more and more church families find little that is helpful in the church".

The Bishop who made this observation in his Memorandum, as a sort of working paper to urge the delegates at the 140th session of the Liberian Annual Conference now convening at the First Methodist Church, Monrovia, said some highly sensitized people cannot stand what is happening, or perhaps what is not happening in the church and so they are dropping out.

Critics

Some of the critics, he said, have expressed doubts about the sincerity of our devotion to Christ.

The idea he said seems to prevail because such people tend to be concerned only about themselves, and nothing more.

Bishop Nagbe revealed that among the Laity there is an opinion that they are not being taught enough Bible theology in the churches.

These laymen are painly tired of church that thinks only of itself, tired of ministers who barely search the scriptures and read some theology to present "Christ Crusified" and specific guidelines for action he said.

Involvement

He stated, "What these laymen are saying is that the church people are asking for less involvement with problems of the world. They are crying for dynamic leadership"

He said that the recruitment policies could be the problem, and noted that "when our ministers are recruited and not called, they drop out when they run into the first opposition."

Obligation

"Or could it be that the Annual Conference has obliged itself to poorly qualified ministers who do not only have seniority but family obligations which make it difficult for the cabinet to move the better qualified ministers ahead of them? he asked.

He finally suggested that stronger emphasis be placed on the teaching work of the Church, particularly for adults.

New skills, he said, should be found for handling controversy and a greater measure on the place of women and youth among the clergy.

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Ahmadiyya Conference in SierraLeone

Message of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III for the 23rd Ahmaddiyya annual conference Sierra-Leone held in Bo from 11th to 13th Feb. 1972.

Dear Brethren,

Assalamo Alaikum !

I am glad to learn that you are holding your 23rd Annual Conference from 11th to 13th February 1972. May Allah make this conference a source of spiritual inspirations for you all.

Islam and Ahmadiyyat is, by Grace of God, marching on everywhere. The wind of change is blowing in our favour. The sweet fragrance of Final Victory could now be felt. The harvest is almost ready.

It is now your duty to gird up your loins and be prepapared to sacrifice everything for Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Sacrifice is the Key to Success.

I had announced during my visit to Sierra Leone in 1970 that within three years I would be able to open at least Four Medical Clinics in your country. I am pleased to say that, by the Grace of Allah 75% of the Promise has been fulfilled within the first year. Alhamdolillah.

I have decided to open more Schools in your country so that through mass education the darkness of illiteracy and prejudice should disappear and the light of understanding and knowledge might illumine your hearts and souls. I am pleased to say that a good start has already been made in the shape of Rokupr Secondary School. Alhamdolillah.

Your co-operation is needed in this great project. I want you to work hard, to inculcate the spirit of sacrifice and to unite under the Banner of Khilafat.

The victory is destined to be ours. Inshallah. Fasten your belts and dedicate yourselves completely to the service of Islam and Mankind.

May Allah be your Protector and Shelter.

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Yours Sincerely,
Mirza Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Ma'sih III

Announcements in the Newspapers.

The Nation Monday Feb. 8, 1972

Ahmadiyya Conference this week

The 23rd Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya mission in Sierra Leone will begin on Friday this week :

The special feature of the conference will be the reading of the messages from the Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad who visited Sierra Leone in May 1970, and Maulvi M. S. Sahid, missionary in-charge of the Ahmadiyya mission in Sierra Leone :

The conference will end on Sunday February 13 :

Daily Mail Thursday Feb. 10-1972

Ahmadiyya Conference

The Twenty-third Ahmadiyya Annual Conference will take place in Bo from February 11 to 13.

This purely religion gathering devoted to the spiritual, educational, and moral uplift of humanity is anticipated to be attended by a large number of

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"Go and Join the Fold of....."

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By

Maulvi A. Wahab Adam

There is a Biblical prophecy which says that, when the Promised Messiah makes his appearance, true dreams and visions shall increase. In other words, one of the signs of the appearance of the Promised Messiah is the increase in true dreams and visions.

This is so for various reasons. Firstly, it is to assure the cynics and the doubting Thomases who may express surprise and wonder at the claim of the Promised Messiah to have been vouchsafed with revelation that, revelation is a gift of God which is not beyond the reach of man.

Secondly, it is to remind the world that a Sun has appeared in the spiritual firmament, for as a lamp illumines its surroundings, so was the spiritual light of the Promised Messiah bound to influence the world.

Thirdly, and perhaps, the most important was the fact that God had destined to aid the mission of the Promised Messiah by inspiring men of the right disposition to accept and assist him in the fulfilment of the task entrusted to him.

It is for this reason that Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (Peace be on him) announced in the form of a challenge to the whole world that if anybody entertained any doubt about his claims, he could seek judgement from the Almighty God Himself through prayer, and God would surely guide him to the acceptance of the Reformer of the Age. A very challenging and significiant announcement indeed!

It is common knowledge that both In India, and countries abroad, both in his own lifetime and after his being called to his Creator, thousands have been guided to the Promised Messiah through dreams and visions.

A remarkable example is that of a young Ghanaian who accepted Ahmadiyyat a few years ago.

Narrating the circumstances which led to his conversion at the Ahmadiyya Annual Conference held at Saltpond in January this year, Mr. Ahmad Boateng greatly lamented the precious time he had wasted in "dancing and drinking" before he was commanded in clear and awe—inspiring words to join the fold of Ahmadiyyat.

> "By the grace of Allah", Mr. Ahmad Boateng said, "I belong to a reputable and well to do Muslim family, but it is to be regretted that like all other careless Muslim youths, I never bothered to observe any teaching of Islam."

He said he was so good a dancer that he became an instructor of dancing in three different schools of dancing in Kumasi alone.

Dancing and drinking was the main preoccupation of his life so that he had no time to observe the five obligatory prayers, neither did he keep away from any of the indecencies prohibited by the Holy Quran.

He recalled with a twinkle in his eye, "One day, I was accosted in a street of Kumasi, by a man who held in his hands several books. One of the Books was *Pronouncements of the Promised Messiah*. "Despite my unwillingness", Mr. Ahmad continued, "the man succeeded in persuading me to take the book home to read, and Oh my God! tears rolled down my

eyes as I read the book. He said he was so moved by the contents of the book that he could not stop reading it, until he finished reading every word of it.

He later went to enquire of a Muslim Mallam (Scholar) by the name Adam, if a Reformer could appear to reform the Muslims. The scholar replied in the affirmative, and even quoted the well known tradition that says that Allah would send a Reformer at the Head of every century to reform His religion.

To our friend's greatest surprise however, this same scholar insisted that those who accepted Hazrat Ahmad, the Reformer of the Age were not true Muslims !

Our friend was in a fix. But his perplexity was not to last long, for not quite long afterwards, he heard a voice in a semi sleeping condition. Mr. Ahmad Boateng said, raising his voice. "The voice was clear and awe-inspiring, *Go and join the fold of Ahmadiyyat*".

After receiving this brief but significant message, Mr Boateng says that, he ignored all the attempts of the "Mallam" to dissuade him from joining the fold of Ahmadiyyat.

"I even listened to his tempting promises with contempt", Mr. Boateng told the gathering.

"Today" he said with a deep sense of gratitude to Allah, "I have joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat. Dancing and drinking do not appeal to me any longer. In fact, it is a surprise to all my former associates. My only concern is prayer and the fulfilment of other obligations towards my God and fellow men. I am among the happiest of men."

Mr. Ahmad Boateng is not the only one who has been guided to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on him) through a spiritual medium. There are thousand and one others !

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Ahmadis from all over Sierra Leone : wellwishers of the Mission; representatives of other denomination and some high personalities from all walks of life.

Highlights of the Conference will include the reading of messages from the supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad who visited Sierra Leone in May, 1970 and Director of Foreign Missions Mirza Mubarak Ahmad ; by Maulvi M.S. Shahid Amir and Missionary in-charge of the Ahmadiyya Mission.

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